

**REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

**PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**1. Council President Nancy F. Binns led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.**

**2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 26, 2014 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**3. Public Comment**

**Donison Allen, Pascoag commented regarding item #14-050, general assembly bills realted to common core mandates and standards.**

#### **4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville**

**Councilor David J. Place commended the police department on the successful organization of Tyler Seddon's birthday celebration.**

**Councilor David J. Place announced the Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny, scheduled for March 29, 2014.**

**Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown announced the schedule of upcoming events at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, including Jack Babineau performing at the March 21st Coffee House, a teen fuse-bead project on March 28, 2014 and the return of the life-sized Candyland game scheduled for April 12, 2014.**

**Councilor Brissette Brown also noted that beginning April 1st the library will have passes to Blithewold Mansion, Gardens and Arboretum available to check out thanks to the Friends of the Library.**

**Councilor Edward J. Blanchard announced a Relay for Life Captain's meeting scheduled for March 12, 2014.**

#### **5. Special Business:**

**14-047 VOTED to adopt a proclamation honoring Cindy Szymanski on her retirement, as follows:**

**Burrillville Town Council**

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS, After more than twenty-seven years of service to the**

**Town of Burrillville at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, Cindy Szymanski will retire on April 30, 2014; and**

**WHEREAS, After receiving her Master of Library Science from the University of Rhode Island, Cindy Szymanski began her library career working in private libraries; and**

**WHEREAS, In the mid 1980's, Cindy Szymanski began volunteering at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library and was soon providing children's story times; and**

**WHEREAS, In 1987, Cindy Szymanski was hired as the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library's first Children's Librarian, in time becoming Head Children's Librarian; and**

**WHEREAS, Cindy Szymanski was the creator and driving force behind all children's services at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, being solely responsible for all story times, programming and school outreach for many years; and**

**WHEREAS, In 1997, Cindy Szymanski became the Assistant Director as well as the Children's Librarian; and**

**WHEREAS, Cindy Szymanski's hard work and knowledge were critical to the transition to the new library building in 2008; and**

**WHEREAS, Cindy Szymanski donated much of the artwork that hangs in the Children's Department; and**

**WHEREAS, Cindy Szymanski worked tirelessly to obtain grant funding for the two wonderful murals in the Children's Department painted by Yetti Frenkel; and**

**WHEREAS, Through her interest in animals and animal rescue, knitting, and birding, Cindy Szymanski's has brought richness to the**

**Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library's programs; and**

**WHEREAS, Cindy Szymanski will be greatly missed by the families of Burrillville especially the children lucky enough to attend her story times and programs over the last 27 years.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville on this 12th day of March 2014 join the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library Board, Staff and Patrons in their sincere appreciation of Cindy Szymanski's dedicated service and congratulate her on a job well done.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Town Council honor and commend Cindy Szymanski and wish her, and her husband Ed, children Kate, Tyler and Daniel and grandchildren Benjamin and Natalie well in all of her future endeavors.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-048 VOTED to grant a victualing license to Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor, St. Joseph's Church to apply on March 22, 2014 and October 25, 2014 and a Class F liquor license to apply on March 22, 2014 at 183 Sayles Avenue, on property owned by the Diocese of**

**Providence.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John F. Pacheco III. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**6. Petitions: None**

**7. Public Hearing:**

**14-049 Application Dan's Management d/b/a Dunkin' Donuts, to extend the operating hours of Dunkin' Donuts, 1 South Main Street, Pascoag to 24 hours daily.**

**NOTES: Notice of the public hearing was duly advertised in the legal section of the Woonsocket Call on February 18th and 25th and March 4th, 2014.**

**A. Comments by the applicant.**

**James Lynch, President and CEO, Dan's Management Company, requested that Dunkin' Donuts hours of operation be extended to 24 hours daily.**

**B. Comments/input/recommendations by the administration.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk, reported that the general laws of the state of Rhode Island provide that all licenses issued pursuant to §5-24-1 entitle the license holder to operate continuously after six o'clock (6:00) A.M. but not after two o'clock (2:00) A.M.**

**Colonel Stephen J. Lynch, Chief, Burrillville Police Department voiced concerns that this extension of hours would create a destination when the liquor establishments close. Colonel Lynch noted the residential location of this establishment. These issues were discussed.**

**C. The hearing of all interested parties in regard to proposed amendments. Note: Persons who wish to address the Town Council shall state their names and addresses.**

**1) Proponents: None**

**2) Opponents: None**

**D. VOTED to close the public hearing**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

#### **E. Town Council members comments/input/deliberation**

**Discussion:** There was discussion of a compromise wherein the Town Council might approve an earlier opening, i.e. 4:00 A.M. or 5:00 A.M. but maintain the 2:00 A.M. closing time. The applicant declined the compromise. There was discussion of a short-term granting of the request with a review at three months or six months. There was discussion of possible need for increased security, the residential character of the location, potential increase in employment resulting from the extended hours

**F. Application Dan's Management d/b/a Dunkin' Donuts, to extend the operating hours of Dunkin' Donuts, 1 South Main Street, Pascoag to 24 hours daily.**

**VOTED to deny.**

**The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place voted in opposition.**

**G. VOTED to adjourn the public hearing**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

#### **8. Unfinished Business:**

**14-037 VOTED to open the correspondence from Veronica Huguenin, President, Burrillville Arts & Crafts Festival Committee regarding the revival of the Burrillville Arts & Crafts Festival.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**Discussion: Veronica Huguenin, Shanna Barry and Charlene Tupper, members of the Burrillville Arts & Crafts Festival Committee, reported on the Committee's activities to date. They reviewed the Committee's financial arrangements, their not-for-profit status and fundraising efforts. Scheduling of the event and participants expected were discussed.**

**14-034 VOTED to open the correspondence from Dr. Frank Pallotta,**



**Superintendent of Schools, regarding RGB's Architectural Feasibility Study and related projected costs.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**Discussion: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Pallotta, Supervisor of Business Affairs Robin Kimatian and Director of Facilities David Fontes made a PowerPoint presentation regarding RGB's Architectural Feasibility Study and related projected costs. A copy of the presentation is on file with the record of the meeting. There was discussion of decisions required by the Town Council and the timeframe associated with those decision.**

**13-266 VOTED to open the correspondence Steven W. Pristawa, P.E., Secretary, State Traffic Commission, regarding the request to reduce the speed limit on portions of Route 102 (Bronco Highway).**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**Discussion: State roadwork and speed limit changes to Route 102 were reviewed.**

## **9. New Business:**

**14-050 Correspondence from Jeffrey M. McCormick, P.E., Director of the Department of Public Works, regarding an extension of 2013 bids for on-call services.**

**VOTED to grant an extension to the 2013 bids for on-call services.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John F. Pacheco III. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-051 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee applications for reappointment from Sandra R. Cooney, Leo Felice, Richard Lemek and Dov Pick.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown,**

**John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-052 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee applications for appointment from Gregory Devlin, Russell Fontaine, Jeffrey Hilton and Arthur R. Hurley.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-053 VOTED to declare surplus certain items, as listed.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**Note: Items declare surplus included the following items from the Town Clerk's Office: Royal electric typewriter, no asset tag; NexTech monitor and keyboard, no asset tag; Adding machine, asset tag #132. Also declare surplus were many information technology items from the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, a list of which is on file with the record of the meeting.**

**14-054 VOTED to open the correspondence from Council President Nancy F. Binns regarding scheduling tours of municipal and school facilities.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**VOTED that the question of scheduling tours of town facilities be referred to the administration to recommend dates convenient for the school department and town employees.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees.. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-055 VOTED to open the correspondence from Councilor David J. Place regarding employee appreciation.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion**

were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

**Discussion:** Councilor David J. Place noted that a recent reimbursement from The Trust was the result of employees concessions and cooperation in health insurance usage. Councilor Place asked that the Town Council issue a one-time \$100 gift card to every municipal union employee enrolled in the program. The matter was discussed.

**VOTED** to refer to the Manager to work out a potential proposal; with input from the rest of the Council.

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

## **Legislation**

**14-056 VOTED** to open consideration and action on a request from Councilor Stephen N. Rawson regarding resolutions in support of Senate Bill 2014 – S 2135 and House Bills 2014 – H 7095 and 2014 – H 7580 relative to Common Core Mandates and Standards.

**Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**Discussion: Common core curriculum mandates and standards were reviewed and discussed. Concerns about collection of 400 data points were raised. Resident Donison Allen addressed the Town Council.**

**VOTED to adopt the resolution, striking the last paragraph.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown.**

**VOTED that the resolution be circulated to various cities and towns.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place.**

**The vote on the combined motions carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F.**

**Binns voted in opposition.**

#### **14-057 Relative to Labor and Labor relations**

**VOTED to adopt a resolution opposing Senate Bill 2014 – S 2411; an act relating to labor and labor relations – arbitration – continuance of contractual provisions.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard voted in opposition.**

**VOTED to adopt a resolution opposing House Bills 2014 – H 7464 and 2014 – H 7465; relating to labor and labor relations; continuance of contractual provisions.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard voted in opposition.**

**14-058 VOTED to open discussion of adopting a resolution supporting House Bills 2014 – H 7501 and 2014 – H 7502; Acts relating to courts and civil procedures – interest on judgments.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**VOTED to adopt a resolution supporting House Bills 2014 – H 7501 and 2014 – H 7502; Acts relating to courts and civil procedures – interest on judgments.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-059 VOTED to adopt a resolution in support of House Bill 2014 – H 7291; amendments to §16-7-44. School housing project costs.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F.**



**Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-060 VOTED to receive and file a request of the Newport City Council for support of their resolution regarding a long-term Federal Transportation Reauthorization Act.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown.**

**Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed the intent of the resolution,**

**The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-061 Other legislation:**

**The Town Council had been provided with lists of legislation provided by the League of Cities and Towns and by the Rhode Island Department of Municipal Finance that might impact municipalities.**

**VOTED to receive and file.**

**Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor**

**David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**10. Town Clerk/Communication:**

**14-062 VOTED to receive and file the State Planning Council notice of public hearing related to certification of the metropolitan planning organization by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.**

**Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-063 VOTED to receive and file, with thanks, the correspondence from the City of Newport, office of Mayor Harry Winthrop, regarding the 58th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F.**

**Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-064 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) regarding the National Flood Insurance Program – Community Assistance Visit.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**14-065 VOTED to open the purchase and sale agreement between CJS Properties, LLC and the Town of Burrillville.**

**Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**Discussion: There was discussion of the Town Council's earlier actions authorizing the potential expansion of the bike path. It was noted that the purchase and sales agreement is contingent upon receiving grant funds from the RIDEM necessary to acquire the property and construct a bike path.**

**VOTED to receive and file.**

**Motion by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**11. Additional New Business:**

**14-066 Consider and act on a motion to appoint a Town Council Member to the Burrillville Substance Abuse Task Force.**

**VOTED to appoint Councilman John F. Pacheco III to the task force.**

**Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**12. VOTED to adjourn at 9:18 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were**

**Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**The meeting was recorded.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**